

REMARKS REGARDING REJECTIONS AND AMENDMENTS TO THE
CLAIMS

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112

1. At page 2 of the Examiner's Action the Examiner has rejected Claims 5, 7 and 11-14 under 35 U.S.C. 112 as being indefinite. The Examiner states that the term "may" in lines 5 and 8 in claim 11 are indefinite in that it is uncertain whether the limitation being referred to is required or not. Claim 11 has been amended to strike "may be".

The Examiner states that the terms "equivalent materials" in claim 11 is indefinite. The terms "equivalent materials" in claim 11 has been stricken and amended at lines 8-9 to state "...plastics[,] and metals and other equivalent materials; hinge means ..." and amended at line 17 to state "... materials[,] and metals and other equivalent materials."

The Examiner states, at page 2 that Claim 13 is indefinite in that in lines 4-5 it is uncertain what the statement "proximal the apparatus first end being greater than the grip clip second end dimension D2" means. Claim 13 has been amended to state "... and the golf putter grip dimension D4 (64), proximal the apparatus first end (20) being greater than the grip clip second end dimension D2 (62);...". It is submitted that the phrase means that the golf putter grip dimension D4 (64), which is proximal the apparatus first end (20), is greater than the dimension of the grip clip second end dimension D2 (62).

At page 2-3, the Examiner states that claim 13 is indefinite in that the terms "other forms" and "other similar" are indefinite and that it is uncertain what the limit of this claim is to these elements of structure. Claim 13 has been amended to strike the terms "other forms" and "other similar" as follows: "...b. the grip affixing means to affix the grip clip means (40) also includes ~~other forms of gripping including a spring secured~~

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1 clam shell structure allowing the grip clip means (40) to be opened to allow the grip clip
2 slot (65) to receive a golf putter grip (75) and ~~other similar friction affixing and or clamp~~
3 affixing structures."

4 The Examiner states at page 4 that Claim 14 is indefinite in that the statement "the
5 apparatus at the clip slot will receive either the apparatus shaft to slide up the apparatus
6 shaft toward the apparatus first end". It is respectfully noted that the phrase is found in
7 the specification at page 6, lines 4-8 where the following is found:

8 The apparatus (5) at the grip clip slot (65) will receive either the apparatus shaft
9 (10) to slide up the apparatus shaft (10) toward the apparatus first end (20) and
10 receive and be affixed at the golf putter grip (75) or the grip clip slot (65) will
11 receive the golf putter grip (75) and be affixed by affixing means for use in
12 putting.

13 It is respectfully submitted that the meaning is that the grip clip form which has a
14 fixed clip slot dimension will fit over the tapered golf shaft proximal the second end (90)
15 and will slip up the shaft toward the first end (20) for a friction fit at the grip. An
16 alternative form of the grip clip having a spring secured clam shell form will be spring
17 operated and will directly be affixed to the putter grip (75).

18 The Examiner states at page 3 that Claim 7 is indefinite in that throughout the
19 claim it appears that the putter shaft is being referred to as reference number 10 which is
20 the apparatus shaft. Claim 7 has been amended as follows:

- 21 a. receiving the ~~upper shaft 10~~ apparatus (5) at the grip clip (40) via the grip clip
22 slot (42) by the putter lower shaft (72) intermediate the putter head (100) and
23 the golf putter grip (75) and moving the ~~upper shaft (10)~~ apparatus (5) to grip
24 affixing means contact of the grip clip (40) with the golf putter grip (75);
25 b. affixing the angular relationship (110) between the putter lower shaft (72)

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1 and the upper shaft (10) apparatus (5) by adjusting the hinge means (42);

2 At page 3 the Examiner states that reference numbers in claim 7 are without
3 parentheses. The amendment of claim 7 has remedied this lack of parentheses.

4 Your applicant respectfully submits that all 35 U.S.C. 112 rejections have been
5 addressed with claims 7, 11 and 13 amended and all rejections otherwise addressed by
6 comments and explanations. Your applicant has made a good faith effort to respond to
7 the said rejections, respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejections and to
8 allow the claims as amended.

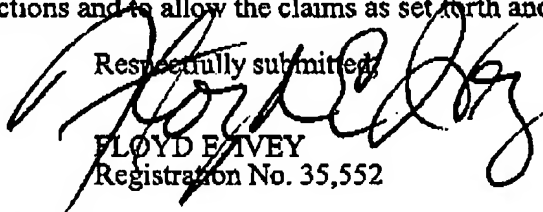
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SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS AND REMARKS

The applicant has reviewed the Examiner's Action of May 26, 2005 and has addressed all 35 U.S.C. 112 rejections referred to therein. Accordingly, the applicant has made a good faith attempt to meet each rejection as noted by the Examiner. The applicant has amended claims. Accordingly your applicant requests the Examiner to withdraw the said rejections and to allow the claims as set forth and as amended.

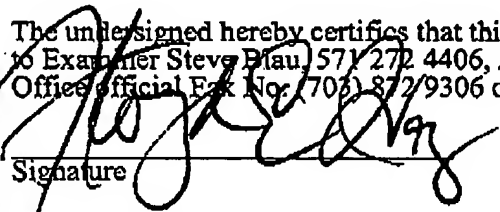
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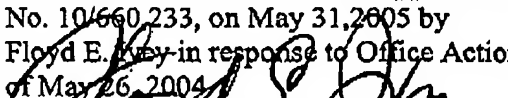
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